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SUBJECT: NATO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF AZERBAIJAN HELD JULY
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¶1. (U) On July 9-14 2007, the biannual "NATO International School of Azerbaijan" (NISA) was held in Baku, sponsored by the Azerbaijani Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The topic was "Security Challenges and Euro-Atlantic Partnership: Energy security, conflicts, terrorism, and asymmetrical threats." The conference was attended by approximately 40 students and young governmental and non-governmental professionals, from approximately 15 countries. Poloff attended three days of the proceedings and the range of subjects presented and student questions, were impressive. The winter session of NATO will likely take place in December 2007 in Baku.

¶2. (U) Topics formally presented included the following:
NATO after the Riga Summit: NATO's new agenda; Energy security: Major components and implications; Threats to energy security: Terrorism, conflicts and asymmetric threats; Energy infrastructure security; maritime security and civil emergency planning; Political, Economic and Environmental aspects of energy security.

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